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## COMPONENT 1 - IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES

### Result 1.3: Practical knowledge of vulnerable populations of how to access and use tools improved through traditional and social media

The Program is finalizing the arrangements for the three day "Strategic Communication Planning" workshop for new Basrah grantees, scheduled to start on May 15, 2012.

### Result 1.4: Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementing Partner Public Awareness Campaigns

#### Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
1	Iraqi Al-Mortaqa Foundation for Human Development	8 Banners	8 Banners	N/A	4
2	Fatema House Charity Women	5 Banners	5 Banners	0	81(5)
		2000 Brochure	1603 Brochures(92)		
		2000 Plastic Bags with Ads (Contribution)	2000 Plastic Bags with Ads (Contribution)		
3	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	5250 Brochures	5250 Brochures	60 Radio Adv.	40(completed)
		2650 Posters	2650 Posters	60 TV Adv.	
4	Al-Malak Human Organization	2000 Posters	2000 Posters	16 Live Radio Programs	16(completed)
		3000 Booklets	3000 Booklets		
		3 Banners	3 Banners		
		6000 Adv. in Magazine	6000 Adv. in Magazine		
5	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1
6	Women Empowerment Organization	2 Banner	2 Banner	15 Live Radio Programs	71(3)
		Handout 1000	Brochure 1000 (38)	TV Ad. 1	
		Booklet 500	Booklet 245		
7	Salam Al-Rafidain Organization	26 Banners	26 Banners	N/A	20(completed)
		1500 Business Cards	1500 Business Cards		
8	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	300 Handbooks	300 Handbooks	TV: 1 Web. 1	9(completed)
		10 Banners	10 Banners		
		3000 Brochures	3000 Brochures		
9	Al-Shabak Women Association	5000 Posters	5000Posters	8 Radio Advertisements Web. 1	8(completed)
		4000 Brochures	4000 Brochures		
		Announcement in the Al-Yaqeen newspaper about the project (1000)			
10	Kurdish Human Rights Watch	4000 Booklets	4000 Booklets	Web: 16 Adv. Radio: 6	6 (completed)
		6 Banners	6 Banners		
11	Soran Association for the Care of the Handicapped (SACH)	1000 Posters	1000 Posters (100)	1 Radio Adv. 6 Live Radio Programs	3(Completed)
12	Iraq Al Amal Association	2000 Brochures	2000 Brochures (50)	12 Live Radio Programs	5 (completed)
		19 Banners (5)	19 Banners (5)		
13	Women For Justice	500 Posters (Under Printing)	n/a	n/a	n/a
14	IADO	2000 Posters	1650 Posters (500)	0	1
		2000 Brochures	1650 Brochures (500)		
		250 printed hand bags	250 printed hand bags (complete)		

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
		50 Flex Banners	65 Flex (15) Banners		
		300 Sign boards	150 Sign boards (50)		

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## COMPONENT 2 - IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

### Result 2.1: Support Iraqi NGOs Working in Priority Access to Justice Areas to Improve their Administrative and Substantive Capacity to Support Vulnerable Populations

A2J completed a site visit to Women for Justice (WFJ) Association in Karbala on May 3, 2012. WFJ reported providing legal services to 328 vulnerable women beneficiaries that included 180 consultation cases, and 148 legal representations. The Program rendered technical assistance in creating a database, legal case classification system, document archiving, and client confidentiality protocols.

A2J completed the first site visit to the Civil Development Organization (CDO) on May 8, 2012 in Kirkuk. The CDO legal clinic will improve access to justice for victims of gender based violence in the criminal justice system through the provision of mediation services and legal representation. A2J provided CDO with technical assistance on reporting protocols, archiving documents related to cases classification, and direct service best practices.



A2J completed a site visit to Voice of Older People (VOP) Association in Shekhan on May 9, 2012. This grantee's legal clinic will help women register marriages and provide other legal support services to vulnerable women. Many of the legal clinic beneficiaries are of the Yizidi religious minority. The details for this site visit will be included in next week's report.

A2J met with a USG congressional delegation at Al-Amal Association HQ in Baghdad to discuss staff work performance and cases received. Al-Amal representatives explained how their legal clinics had been established and what their goals are. Access to Justice briefed the delegation on how the Program works with NGOs, CSOs, and the Government of Iraq to benefit vulnerable groups, specifically by promoting changes in law, regulations, and procedures, or in interpretation to improve access to justice for vulnerable groups.



**Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups  
Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)**

#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
1	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Najaf Center	Najaf	Women	87(0)	284(0)	177(0)
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	151(0)	166(0)	85(0)
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0		527(8)
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	121(0)	382(0)	124(0)
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	151(4)	152(3)	81(0)
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129(0)	136(0)	114(0)
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	280(10)	331(10)	32(0)
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	821(15)	236(40)	944(40)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	150(5)	81(0)	40(0)
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	264(5)	199(4)	99(7)
11	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women - IDP	399(7)	306(5)	23(1)
12	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	144(12)	199(14)	141(11)
13	IADO	Baghdad	Disabled	0	0	0

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#### *Success Story*

Z. E., a Mosul woman with no financial means was divorced in November of last year. Her marriage was not registered in court and she has not received alimony from her husband. After being unable to support herself, she unsuccessfully tried to reconcile with her husband. She was unaware that she had rights as a divorced and poor woman under Iraqi law. She saw a poster advertising the services of Al-Malak legal clinic which explained that she had rights and that the clinic could help her access these rights. She visited the legal clinic in Mosul and was surprised when the lawyer explained what her rights were and how to access them. She signed a power of attorney, and the lawyer at Al-Malak filed six lawsuits on her behalf against the husband who had unilaterally divorced her without her consent.

## **Result 2.4: Support Development of Programs and Modernization of Academic and Practical Curriculum Related to Extending Access to Justice to Vulnerable Populations at Law Schools in Iraqi Universities in Key Locations throughout Iraq**

### **2.4.1 Curriculum Development**

A2J, in collaboration with the Deans Council of Schools of Law & Political Science, conducted the Second Annual Deans Conference in Erbil from 6-7 of May 2012, titled “Iraqi Law School Curriculum Development Conference”. The event, attended by 25 deans, 7 professors, 3 students, and a representative from the Kurdistan Bar Association, opened with an overview of the previous conference in May of last year and the achievements to date, particularly the MOHE’s approval to implement legal clinics at Iraqi Law schools.



The participants reevaluated gaps and omissions in Iraqi law school curriculum and produced a 10-step strategy to remedy the issues. The agenda included presentations on the importance of moot courts in the learning process with a specific discussion of the Jessup International Law School Moot Court Competition; the importance of incorporating legal clinics into law school curriculum, as well as an action plan for enhancing the role of students in the educational process; and recommendations on how Law Schools can become more engaged in the legislative process to work on behalf of vulnerable groups. The conference ended with recommendations on the way forward, and an action plan that the Deans Council will use as a blueprint to modernize law school curriculum. A full report of the conference will be presented to USAID shortly.

## 2.4.2 Promote establishment of law school legal clinics

Ten law schools expressed interest in applying for grants to incorporate legal clinics into their curriculum. Access to Justice will hold a workshop in June on the grant application process for law school legal clinics that includes utilizing the proper methodology of coursework and student involvement in client representation.

Dhi-Qar Law School's legal clinic proposal was reviewed by the A2J Basrah team and the school's representative, Dr. Muhammad Khairi. A2J reiterated all of the items related to the establishment of the legal clinic which will provide students with practical and hands-on experience at the same time serving the vulnerable populations in the community. The application will now be submitted to the grants department for evaluation by the Grant Evaluation Committee.

### Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups Provided by Access to Justice Law School Partners (Cumulative)

#	Grantee	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Legal Cases or Consultation	# of Students Participating (Current or Completed) in the Legal Clinic	# of Courses Relevant to Legal Clinical Education	# of Students / Days in Attend Legal Clinical Education Courses
1	Salahaddin Law School (Erbil)	Various	9	80	2(0)	28(0)
2	Baghdad Law School	Various	26(1)	154(31)	8(0)	1338(0)

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## COMPONENT 3 - ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

### Result 3.1: Support Partners in Reviewing Processes and Procedures for Reform of Policies, Regulations, and Legislation as they Relate to Vulnerable Populations

#### *Success Story*

Participant recommendations from the Program Disabilities Law Roundtable on December 17<sup>th</sup> of last year included a recommendation that called for government employers to play a proactive role in supporting government employment of persons with disabilities. The seventh recommendation specifically read, "Amending the legislation related to the Civil Service Law No. (24) from 1960 to increase the salaries of the disabled the persons with special cases in accordance with disability percentage confirmed by a competent medical committee." This week, the Baghdad Provincial Council acted to raise the salaries of persons with disabilities by a factor of 5% consistent with the recommendation.

A2J representatives, at the invitation of Heartland Alliance, participated in a May 10<sup>th</sup> conference on Anti-Trafficking Legislation, and the Kurdistan Regional Government's approach to the issue now that Central Iraq has passed an anti-Trafficking law. Discussion included whether the Kurdistan Region will mirror Central Iraq's legislation or take an independent approach. Legislative and practical alternatives were discussed.



### **Result 3.2: Coalitions, Hotlines, or Other Positive Linkages to Support Government Efforts to Improve Legal Frameworks for Vulnerable Populations**

A2J Program representatives attended an initial coordination meeting requested by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) project at their embedded offices in Iraq's Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC). The discussion concerned potential NGO engagement related to voting(?) procedures for vulnerable groups and voter awareness-raising, initially in the Kurdistan Region, and then on a national level. Three vulnerable groups that will be recommended for receiving attention for IHEC's initiative include persons with disabilities, IDPs, and women of various sub-groups. A2J will suggest specific NGOs that have been effective in each of these areas.

### **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Site Visits:**

Site Visits were made to the Baghdad Woman's Association, Al Meezan Newspaper (Risk Assessment), Fatema House, CDO, VOP and Harikar.

#### **New Staff:**

Three new NGO/Grants Coordinators started this week: Mustafa Jaffar, Bashar Salih and Zahraa Ali.

### **OPERATIONS**

The new Finance and Administration Manager, Anser Syed, arrived in Erbil. He will receive orientation and work from the ERO until his visa is finalized.

The team is finalizing recruitment for the Finance and Procurement Assistant.

## Access to Justice Program Current Approved Grants

NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Iraqi Al Amal Association <i>Legal awareness campaign and legal services as a tool for protection of women from domestic violence</i>	Baghdad	Najaf/Kirkuk	Women affected by gender-based violence	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$84,070	Executed
Fatema House Charity for Women <i>Women's legal clinic</i>	Baghdad	Sadr City	Women	6 mos.	1-Nov-11	\$51,810	Executed
Al-Rahma Humanity Association <i>Center for legal consultations and representation in court for women</i>	Baghdad	Al-Sha'ab	Women	6 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$47,500	Executed
Women Empowerment Organization <i>Public awareness on Women's rights and mobile legal clinics</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa	Widows	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$100,000	Executed
Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid <i>Legal Clinic Aid and Information Services for IDPs and Returnees</i>	Baghdad	Karrada	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep.-11	\$74,650	Executed
Kurdistan Human Rights Watch <i>Providing public awareness and legal assistance to IDPs</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$85,800	Executed
Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped <i>Legal Awareness/Services, Support for Accessibility for People with Disabilities</i>	Erbil	Soran	Disabled	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$72,044	Executed
Salam Al-Rafidain <i>The right for knowledge and justice to weak women and girls</i>	Baghdad	Yousfiya	Women	8 mos.	15-Sep-11	\$73,065	Executed
Salahaddin Law School <i>Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in Erbil through a Law School Clinic</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$93,860	Executed
Baghdad Law School <i>Legal Clinic at the College of Law</i>	Baghdad	Adhamiya	Vulnerable/Students	12 mos.	1-Dec-11	\$91,410	Executed
Kurdistan Bar Association <i>Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers Serving Vulnerable Groups</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$86,310	Executed
Al-Malak Human <i>Improving the access to justice for women in Mosul</i>	Mosel	Mosel	Women	8 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$83,606	Executed
Al-Shabak Women's Organization <i>Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in the Ninewa Plains</i>	Ninewa	Bartella	IDPs	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$83,310	Executed
Al-Mortaqa <i>Public awareness training</i>	Baghdad	Karada	Govt. and NGO employees	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$92,000	Executed

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Women for Justice <i>Legal Assistance for vulnerable groups</i>	Baghdad	Karbala	Women	8 mos.	pending	\$69,840	Executed
IADO <i>Public awareness campaigns and Forums for the rights of disabled people in Iraq</i>	Baghdad	Harthiya	Disabled	6 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$78,300	Executed
Basra University Law School <i>Legal Clinic in College of Law, University of Basra</i>	Basra	Basra	Lawyers and vulnerable people	12 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$95,795	Pending
Iraqi Bar Association <i>Capacity Building for Lawyers</i>	Baghdad	Mansoor	Lawyers	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$98,780	Executed
Hataw <i>Strengthening the role of Media in combating Violence Against Women (VAW)</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Sulaymaniyah	Media	6 mos.	1-May-12	\$58,746	Executed
Kurdistan Reconstruction & Development Society (KURDS) <i>Access to Justice Social Services for people with Disabilities in Kurdistan Region</i>	Kurdistan	Dohuk	Disabled	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$99,464	Executed
Harikar <i>Duhok Legal Clinic</i>	Duhok	Dohuk	IDPs	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$99,175	Executed
Civil Development Organization (CDO) <i>Women Legal and Social Clinic Center</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Kirkuk	women	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$93,050	Executed
Voice of Older People (VOP) <i>Legal Support and Awareness for Legally Unregistered Marriages</i>	Duhok	Duhok	Divorcees	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$97,926	Executed
Aswat Al-Iraq <i>Production and Distribution of Video and Radio Awareness Spots and Programming on Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Iraq</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Iraqi war widows and vulnerable populations	6 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$82,700	Grant Agreement in Process
Bustan Association <i>Children, Youth, Widows</i>	Basrah	Basrah & Misaan	Children and youth	6 mos.	Mar-15-12	\$63,963	Grant Agreement in Process
Baghdad Women Association <i>Provision of free legal assistance to vulnerable women in Baghdad</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women and men	10 mos.	Mar-1-12	\$65,443	Grant Agreement in Process
Iraqi center for human rights Activists (ICHRA) <i>Empowering vulnerable women to get governmental subsidy in Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basra	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$87,756	Grant Agreement in Process
Warvin Foundation For Women Issues <i>Raising Women's Awareness of Their Rights</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Women/ Widows	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$98,746	Executed
Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization for Social Development <i>Legal rights awareness campaign and Legal Aid Centre for</i>	Basrah	Basra	Women	12 mos.	15-May-12	\$99,502	Executed



NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
<i>Vulnerable Women</i>							
Hiyad <i>Provide legal and awareness advices to vulnerable women in Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	NA	\$59,802	Grant Agreement in Process
KHRW Strategic Partnership Grant <i>Training, Mentoring and Resource Centers for Legal Clinics</i>	Erbil	Iraq - Wide	Beneficiaries of all legal clinics	8 mos.	NA	\$234,840	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Arqam Cultural Charity Association <i>Legal Aid Centers and Awareness</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$99,402	Grant Agreement in Process
Al Rawaby <i>Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Clinic for Disabled</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	NA	\$99,532	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Taqwa Association <i>Legal services clinic for women returnees, immigrants, and IDPs</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-May-12	\$99,899	Executed
Al-Meameen Organization <i>Legal Clinic and Awareness</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$97,877	Grant Agreement in Process
Amal Association Humanitarian Al Basyra <i>Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Clinic for the Disabled</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	15-May-12	\$99,342	Executed
KHRW Phase II <i>Legal awareness and legal services for IDPs</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa and Khabat	IDPs	8 mos.	NA	\$97,900	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Meezan newspaper <i>Issuing Al Meezan Legal Independent newspaper</i>	Babil	Babil	Babil Population	6 mos.	NA	\$99,300	Grant Agreement in Process
Hadia <i>Awareness campaign and legal services to vulnerable women</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	NA	\$99,682	Grant Agreement in Process
Salam Al Rafidain <i>Registered marriage is essential to ensure the rights of women and children</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women/ Children	8 mos.	NA	\$99,976	Grant Agreement in Process

**TOTAL: \$3,503,123**

## Calendar of Activities

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Iraqi Deans' Council Meeting in Erbil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Iraqi Deans' Council Meeting in Erbil</li> </ul>				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Communication Planning Training for New Grantees in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Communication Planning Training for New Grantees in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Communication Planning Training for New Grantees in Basrah</li> </ul>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

USAID Recommended to attend events circled in RED